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LIVINGSTON, *May 24, 1905.*

Dr. R. H. PETERS,

In charge of the Quarantine Service of the United States.

I have taken due note of your attentive official communication dated this day, by which I am informed that the doctor in charge of the United States Quarantine Service at Belize has advised you of the presence of yellow fever in that port, all of which I immediately communicated to the President of this Republic for his action. Meantime, as a precautionary measure, I have ordered the authorities at Puerto Barrios and Santo Tomas not to issue clearances to vessels destined to ports on the coast of Belize, nor to permit vessels to enter from these ports.

I am, sir, with all consideration, yours very truly,

MANUEL B. HERNANDEZ.

Yellow fever at Livingston—Information wired to health officers of Gulf States.

LIVINGSTON, *June 10, 1905.*WYMAN, *Washington.*

One yellow fever.

PETERS.

The above information was wired to Service quarantine officer, Gulf Quarantine; Sanitary Inspector J. Y. Porter, Key West, Fla.; Health Officer Goldthwaite, Mobile, Ala.; President Souchon, State board health, New Orleans, La., and State Health Officer Tabor, Austin, Tex.

HAWAII.

Reports from Honolulu—Supposed case of smallpox on army transport Sherman at Honolulu diagnosed chicken pox—Scarlet fever case from U. S. ship Lawton—Plague at Hilo.

Chief Quarantine Officer Cofer reports, May 18, 24, and 25, as follows:

A supposed case of smallpox was removed from the U. S. army transport *Sherman* on May 13, 1905. The *Sherman* had already sailed for Manila and put back in order to land the case. On the day following the case was seen to have many of the characteristics of chicken pox. Subsequent developments proved the latter diagnosis.

I have received a case of scarlet fever with 1 direct contact from the U. S. naval training ship *Lawton*; this in accordance with a request from the commandant at the naval station.

PLAGUE AT HILO.

MAY 25, 1905.

Two cases of plague are said to have occurred in Hilo during the past ten days. The first case is recovering and the diagnosis has been determined by the clinical symptoms. The second case is living at